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FORMER NEW HAMPSHIRE PHARMACIST
SENTENCED FOR ATTEMPTED ILLEGAL DIVERSION OF OXYCONTIN

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Resident Agent in Charge of the Food and Drug Administration Office of Criminal Investigations Boston Field Office Mark Dragonetti, Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka, and Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration June W. Stansbury, announce that Dana Haselton, age 47, formerly of Londonderry, NH, was sentenced to 60 months and three years of supervised release having previously pleading guilty to a one count indictment which charged him with unlawfully attempting to distribute oxycodone (OxyContin) in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846. Haselton engaged in a scheme by which he attempted to purchase large quantities of OxyContin by attempting to pass false prescriptions and then re-selling the OxyContin. Haselton, who was licensed by the New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy, was a former pharmacist who worked at several pharmacies in Manchester and elsewhere.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "The illicit trafficking in drugs presents a significant threat to the health and welfare of our citizens. This office is committed to battling the illegal sale of all drugs. This case demonstrates our pledge to prosecute those who would use their professional license to engage in illegal activity. This sentence also sends a message to pharmacists and other professionals who abuse their positions of trust - not only do they risk losing their licences, but they also risk doing time in a federal penitentiary."

The investigation was conducted by the Manchester Police Department, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the Drug Enforcement Administration Diversion Squad in Boston. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Irish.